

2027 Canada Winter Games Eligibility Restrictions

Eligibility restrictions are aligned with the “Train to Compete” phase of the sport’s Long Term Development (LTD) model, or other suitable phase of LTD, as justified by the National Sport Organization and approved by the Canada Games Council (CGC).

Eligibility restrictions pertain only to the sport in question (i.e. if an athlete has competed in a Senior World Championship in biathlon, they are still eligible to compete in the Canada Games in badminton).

The CGC Sport & Games Committee has approved the eligibility restrictions for the following sports on the 2027 Canada Winter Games program:

Sport	Eligibility Restrictions
Alpine Ski	<p><i>ABLE BODIED</i></p> <p>All athletes must hold a valid Alpine Canada Alpin (ACA) competitor card for the 2026-2027 season.</p> <p>Excluded from the Canada Games are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Senior National Team members - defined as: Athletes who have held an SR, SR1, or SR2 card at any time; and/or athletes who are part of (on the roster of) a standing Senior National Team (i.e. recognized as a Senior National Team member regardless of event participation) • Athletes who have previously competed at any of the following events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Senior World Championships ○ Olympic Games ○ FISU Games ○ Senior World Cups • Athletes who have held a FIS card at any time <p><i>PARA ALPINE</i></p> <p>All athletes must hold a valid Alpine Canada Alpin (ACA) competitor card for the 2026-2027 season.</p> <p>Excluded from the Canada Games are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Senior National Team members - defined as: Athletes who have held an SR, SR1, or SR2 card at any time; and/or athletes who are part of (on the roster of) a standing Senior National Team (i.e.

	<p>recognized as a Senior National Team member regardless of event participation)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Athletes who have previously competed at any of the following events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Senior World Championships ○ Paralympic Winter Games ○ Senior World Cups
Archery	<p>Excluded from the Canada Games are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Senior National Team members - defined as: Athletes who have held an SR, SR1, or SR2 card at any time; and/or athletes who are part of (on the roster of) a standing Senior National Team (i.e. recognized as a Senior National Team member regardless of event participation) • Athletes who have previously competed at any of the following events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Senior World Archery Championships ○ Olympic Games ○ Pan American Games ○ Commonwealth Games ○ FISU Games ○ Senior World Cups* <p>*An athlete who has competed at a Senior World Cup but meets all other eligibility restrictions may be deemed eligible on a case by case basis.</p>
Badminton	<p>Excluded from the Canada Games are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Senior National Team members - defined as: Athletes who have held an SR, SR1, or SR2 card at any time; and/or athletes who are part of (on the roster of) a standing Senior National Team (i.e. recognized as a Senior National Team member regardless of event participation) • Athletes who have previously competed at any of the following events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Olympic Games ○ Pan American Games ○ Commonwealth Games ○ BWF World Championships
Biathlon	<p>Excluded from the Canada Games are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Senior National Team members - defined as: Athletes who have held an SR, SR1, or SR2 card at any time; and/or athletes who are part of (on the roster of) a standing Senior National Team (i.e. recognized as a Senior National Team member regardless of event participation) • Athletes who have previously competed at any of the following events:

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Olympic Games ○ Senior Biathlon World Championships (those who have previously competed only at a Youth or Junior Biathlon World Championships are not included in this provision) ○ IBU World Cup Event ● Athletes who do not possess a Canadian Firearms Possession and Acquisition License (PAL) or Minor's License.
Cross Country Ski	<p>OLYMPIC STREAM</p> <p>Excluded from the Canada Games are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Senior National Team members - defined as: Athletes who have held an SR, SR1, or SR2 card at any time; and/or athletes who are part of (on the roster of) a standing Senior National Team (i.e. recognized as a Senior National Team member regardless of event participation) ● Athletes who have previously competed at any of the following events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Olympic Games ○ Senior World Championships ○ World Cups (domestic World Cups not included) <p>All athletes must hold a valid Nordiq Canada Racing License.</p> <p>PARA NORDIC</p> <p>Excluded from the Canada Games are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Senior National Team members - defined as: Athletes who have held an SR, SR1, or SR2 card at any time; and/or athletes who are part of (on the roster of) a standing World Cup or NextGen Team (i.e. recognized as a World Cup or Nextgen Team member regardless of event participation) ● Athletes who have medalled in an individual event at a FIS Para Snow Sports (FIS PS) World Cup that holds a depth of field as defined by Nordiq Canada's criteria ● Athletes who have finished within the top 33% of the field at the FIS PS World Championships or Paralympic Winter Games. ● Non-classified athletes: Classification by a Canadian Classifier or Canadian Blind Sports Classifier or International Classifier must take place before December 16, 2026. See Para-Nordic section of Nordiq Canada website: https://nordiqcanada.ca/wp-content/uploads/Para-Nordic-Classification-Policy.pdf <p>All competitors must hold a valid Nordiq Canada Racing License, and either a recognized Canadian or International Classification.</p>

Curling	<p>Excluded from the Canada Games are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Senior National Team members - defined as: Athletes who have held an SR, SR1, SR2 card at any time; and/or athletes who are part of (on the roster of) a standing Senior National Team (i.e. recognized as a Senior National Team member regardless of event participation) • Athletes who have previously competed at any of the following events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Olympic Games ○ World Men's or World Women's Curling Championships ○ World Mixed Doubles Curling Championships
Fencing	<p>Excluded from the Canada Games are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Senior National Team members - defined as: Athletes who have held an SR, SR1, or SR2 card at any time; and/or athletes who are part of (on the roster of) a standing Senior National Team (i.e. recognized as a Senior National Team member regardless of event participation) • Athletes who have previously competed at any of the following events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Senior World Championships ○ Olympic Games ○ Pan American Games ○ FISU Games ○ Junior World Championships
Figure Skating	<p>Skate Canada Competition Rule 2.1 (Eligibility to participate) applies to all competitors. For the Canada Games, Athletes must meet at least one of the Citizenship requirements to be eligible for the Canada Games outlined in section 6.3.1 of the CGC <u>Athlete Eligibility Policy</u>.</p> <p>Competitors must compete in the same category that they registered in at qualifying competition during the 2026-2027 competitive season.</p> <p>Skate Canada Requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Novice Singles: Skate Canada Competition Program Requirements - Competitive 1.4. • Novice Pair: Skate Canada Competition Program Requirements - Competitive 2.4. • Novice Ice Dance: Skate Canada Competition Program Requirements - Competitive 3.4.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Special Olympics Level 3 Singles (Men & Women): A skater competing in Level 3 must have completed Stage 6 CanSkate and is entering the STAR Pathway. • Special Olympics Level 4 Singles (Men & Women): Intended for skaters in the STAR Pathway who have not mastered more than 5 single jumps. <p>Excluded from the Canada Games are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Senior National Team Members - Defined as: Athletes who have held an SR, SR1, SR2 card at any time; and/or athletes who are part of (on the roster of) a standing Senior National Team (i.e. recognized as a Senior National Team member regardless of event participation) • Athletes who have previously competed at the following events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Olympic Games ○ ISU World Championships ○ ISU Four Continent Championships ○ FISU Games <p>The above eligibility restrictions do not apply to Special Olympics athletes. Athletes participating in the Special Olympics events must be registered with and be members in good standing of Special Olympics Canada and have qualified at events sanctioned by Special Olympics Canada.</p>
Freestyle Ski	<p>Excluded from the Canada Games are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Team members (Inclusive of Next Gen program) - defined as: Athletes who have held an SR, SR1, SR2 card at any time; and/or athletes who are part of (on the roster of) a standing Senior National Team (i.e. recognized as a Senior National Team member regardless of event participation) • Athletes who have previously competed at any of the following events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Senior World Championships ○ Olympic Games ○ World Cups
Gymnastics - Artistic	<p>Excluded from the Canada Games are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Senior National Team members - defined as: Athletes who have held an SR, SR1, or SR2 card at any time; and/or athletes who are part of (on the roster of) a standing Senior National Team (i.e. recognized as a Senior National Team member regardless of event participation)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Athletes who have previously competed at any of the following events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Senior Pan American Games ○ Commonwealth Games ○ Olympic Games ○ FISU Games ○ Senior World Championships
Gymnastics - Trampoline	<p>Excluded from the Canada Games are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Senior National Team members - defined as: Athletes who have held an SR, SR1, or SR2 card at any time; and/or athletes who are part of (on the roster of) a standing Senior National Team (i.e. recognized as a Senior National Team member regardless of event participation) ● Athletes who have previously competed at any of the following events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Senior Pan American Games ○ Olympic Games ○ Senior World Championships ○ Senior World Cups
Hockey	<p><i>WOMEN'S</i></p> <p>Excluded from the Canada Games are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Senior National Team members - defined as: Athletes who have held an SR, SR1, or SR2 card at any time; and/or athletes who are part of (on the roster of) a standing Senior National Team (i.e. recognized as a Senior National Team member regardless of event participation) ● Athletes who have previously competed at any of the following events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Senior World Championships ○ Olympic Games ○ FISU Games <p><i>MEN'S</i></p> <p>Excluded from the Canada Games are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Senior National Team members - defined as: Athletes who have held an SR, SR1, or SR2 card at any time; and/or athletes who are part of (on the roster of) a standing Senior National Team (i.e. recognized as a Senior National Team member regardless of event participation) ● Athletes who have previously competed at any of the following events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Senior World Championships

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Olympic Games ○ FISU Games ● Any athlete actively playing on a CHL roster at the time of the CWG or during the roster finalization period.
Judo	<p>Excluded from the Canada Games are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Senior National Team members - defined as: Athletes who have held an SR, SR1, or SR2 card at any time; and/or athletes who have met minimum standard to participate at a Senior World Championships regardless of event participation ● Athletes who have previously competed at any of the following events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Olympic Games ○ Senior World Championships ○ Commonwealth Games ○ Pan American Games ○ FISU Games
Karate	<p>Excluded from the Canada Games are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Senior National Team members - defined as: Athletes who have held an SR, SR1, or SR2 card at any time; and/or athletes who are part of (on the roster of) a standing Senior National Team (i.e. recognized as a Senior National Team member regardless of event participation) ● Athletes who have previously competed at any of the following events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Senior World Championships ○ Commonwealth Games ○ Pan American Games ○ FISU Games
Ringette	<p>Excluded from the Canada Games are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Senior National Team members - defined as: Athletes who are part of (on the roster of) a standing Senior National Team (i.e. recognized as a Senior National Team member regardless of event participation) ● Athletes who have previously competed at any of the following events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Senior World Championships <p>All athletes must be fully registered with their provincial association and Ringette Canada by December 31, 2026.</p>
Snowboard	<p>Excluded from the Canada Games are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Senior National Team members - defined as: Athletes who have held an SR, SR1, or SR2 card at any time; and/or athletes who are

	<p>part of (on the roster of) a standing Senior National Team (i.e. recognized as a Senior National Team member regardless of event participation)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Athletes who have previously competed at any of the following events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Olympic Games ○ Senior World Championships
Speed Skating - Long Track	<p>Excluded from the Canada Games are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Senior National Team members - defined as: Athletes who have held an SR, SR1, or SR2 card at any time; and/or athletes who are part of (on the roster of) a standing Senior National Team (i.e. recognized as a Senior National Team member regardless of event participation) • Athletes who have previously competed at any of the following events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Senior World Championships ○ Senior World Cups ○ Olympic Games • Athletes who have previously competed in the following event 2 or more times <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ ISU Four Continent Championships
Speed Skating - Short Track	<p>Excluded from the Canada Games are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Senior National Team members - defined as: Athletes who have held an SR, SR1, or SR2 card at any time; and/or athletes who are part of (on the roster of) a standing Senior National Team (i.e. recognized as a Senior National Team member regardless of event participation) • Athletes who have previously competed at any of the following events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Senior World Championships ○ Senior World Cups ○ Olympic Games • Athletes who have previously competed in the following event 2 or more times <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ ISU Four Continent Championships
Sport Climbing	<p>Excluded from the Canada Games are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Senior National Team members - defined as: Athletes who have held an SR, SR1, or SR2 card at any time; • Athletes who have been selected to Elite or Performance Squads of the Senior National Team Program; • Athletes who have previously competed at any of the following events:

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Senior World Championships ○ Olympic Games ○ Pan American Games <p>All athletes must hold a valid Climbing Escalade Canada (CEC) License. All athletes must also hold a valid membership with their qualifying Provincial or Territorial Sport Organizations.</p>
Squash	<p>Excluded from the Canada Games are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Senior National Team members - defined as: Athletes who have held an SR, SR1, or SR2 card at any time; and/or athletes who are part of (on the roster of) a standing Senior National Team (i.e. recognized as a Senior National Team member regardless of event participation) ● Athletes who have previously competed at any of the following events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Senior World Championships ○ Commonwealth Games ○ Pan American Games
Table Tennis	<p>Excluded from the Canada Games are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Senior National Team members - defined as: Athletes who have held an SR, SR1, or SR2 card at any time; and/or athletes who are part of (on the roster of) a standing Senior National Team (i.e. recognized as a Senior National Team member regardless of event participation) ● Athletes who have previously competed at any of the following events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Senior World Championships ○ Olympic Games ○ World Cups ○ Commonwealth Games ○ Pan American Games ○ Professional leagues
Wheelchair Basketball	<p>Excluded from the Canada Games are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Senior National Team members - defined as: Athletes who have held an SR, SR1, or SR2 card at any time; and/or athletes who are part of (on the roster of) a standing Senior National Team (i.e. recognized as a Senior National Team member regardless of event participation) ● Athletes who have previously competed at any of the following events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Paralympic Games ○ Senior World Championships ○ Parapan Am Games

No athlete can be rendered ineligible within 90 days of the opening of the Games due to National Team status, carding status or competing in an excluded event (i.e., if an athlete is granted National Team status or carding status for the first time, or competes in an excluded event after November 29, 2026, they will still be considered eligible to compete at the 2027 Canada Games).

Athletes who are in their first year of Senior National Team status may be deemed eligible on a case by case basis. Additionally, while C1 cards have been discontinued, athletes who have previously held a C1 card and who meet all other eligibility restrictions may be deemed eligible on a case by case basis. Requests must be submitted to the respective Provincial/Territorial Team Chef de Mission and approved by the Canada Games Council Sport & Games Committee.